

Consecration
of
Saint Paul's Church

Peabody, Massachusetts

by

Right Reverend William Lawrence, D.D.
Bishop of Massachusetts

Sunday, June 30, 1918

10.30 A. M.



Reverend Allen Greene, Rector

St. Paul's Church
Peabody, Mass.

First Church Building Opened February 27, 1876.

Corner Stone of New Church Laid by Rt. Rev
Samuel G. Babcock, Suffragan Bishop,
September 27, 1913.

Rev. Allen Greene, Rector.

Dedicated by Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, D.D.,
Bishop of the Diocese, April 26, 1914.

Consecrated by Bishop Lawrence, June 30, 1918.

Order of Service



¶ *The Bishop is to be received at the entrance of the Church, or Chapel, by the Church-wardens and Vestrymen, or some other persons appointed for that purpose. The Bishop and the Clergy who are present shall go up the aisle of the Church, or Chapel, to the Communion Table, repeating the twenty-fourth Psalm alternately, the Bishop one verse and the Clergy another.*

Psalm x.xiv.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory: It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your head, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory: Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop shall go within the rails, with such of the Clergy as can be there accommodated. The Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall have the instruments of Donation and Endowment, if there be any, presented to him; and then standing up, and facing the Congregation, shall say,*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the

secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father: Let us not doubt but that he will also favourably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

¶ Then the Bishop, kneeling, shall say the following Prayer.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence, wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great Name; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses; and dedicating it to thy service for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and for all other holy offices: accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with success as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual; through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ After this the Bishop shall stand up, and turning his face towards the Congregation, shall say,

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows of their

Baptism, and be Confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives' end. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy Word which shall be grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may read and preached in this place; and by thy Holy Spirit both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end. Amen.

Grant, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ Then, the Bishop sitting in his chair, the Sentence of Consecration is to be read by some person appointed by him, and then laid by him upon the Communion Table; after which the Bishop shall say,

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to appropriate and devote this house to thy honour and worship; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness, by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*After this, MORNING PRAYER is to be said, followed by the
HOLY COMMUNION.*

MUSIC.

Venite	<i>Turle</i>
Te Deum in B	<i>Stainford</i>
Jubilate Deo	<i>Tucker</i>
Introit Hymn, 483	<i>Regent Square</i>
Shorter Kyrie	<i>Winter</i>
Gloria Tibi	<i>Eyre</i>
Nicene Creed	<i>Eyre</i>
Hymn before Sermon, 493	<i>Mount Sion</i>
Offertory Anthem, "Lord, Thou art God"	<i>Stainer</i>

Lord, Thou art God: now therefore let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may be before Thee forever, for Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed forever.

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me: He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God, and he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even as a morning without clouds. Even as the tender grass springing out of the earth, by clear shining after rain.

The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us, that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in His way and to keep His commandments. That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is none else. Amen.

Sursum Corda	<i>Eyre</i>
Sanctus	<i>Gounod</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>Eyre</i>
Gloria in Excelsis	<i>Eyre</i>
Recessional Hymn, 482	<i>King of Glory</i>

Soloists: Miss Louise Poeton, W. H. Towne.

Organist, Miss Ann Poeton; Choirmaster, W. H. Towne.



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Cost of the New Church Property

Cost of Lot	\$3,681.16
Contract for Building	\$16,128.00
Mason Work Extra	672.00
Stone Work	360.00
Electrical Work	457.76
Stained Glass	291.05
Painting	344.83
Slate Roofing	533.00
Hardware	135.60
Steam Heating and Gas Piping	1,325.00
Plumbing	475.00
Copper and Tin Roofing and Conductors	250.00
Gas Heater	87.00
Louvers and Wire Netting	100.00
Carpenter Work Extra	269.34
	21,428.58
Pews and Choir Stalls	920.20
Hymn Boards	30.00
Rubber Tracker	44.80
Kneelers	10.00
	1,006.00
Expressing	9.00
Coal	129.00
Electric Light Bulbs	16.00
	154.00
Architect's Fee	1,424.01
Interest Paid on Mortgage	2,190.40
	\$29,883.15

